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#### UKRAINIAN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

#### HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 2002*

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Chairman TAYLOR and Ranking Member MORAN for their diligent work in putting together the FY03 Legislative Appropriations bill. I am particularly pleased that the Committee Report for this bill calls for a study by the Librarian of Congress to determine the feasibility of establishing a Ukrainian Leadership Program (ULP).

The ULP would target young Ukrainian leaders from local and regional governments and give them the opportunity to travel to the United States and meet with federal officials in Washington. The Ukrainian officials would also travel to various congressional districts and meet with local officials. While in local communities, these young leaders would meet with farmers, bankers, educators, and business people. In these meetings, the Ukrainians will be able to observe the critical functions that these groups serve in a democracy. The Ukrainian American community will be actively involved in its implementation and providing logistical support thus reducing the cost to the U.S. government.

The ULP will provide the next generation of local leaders with a better understanding of the relationships between the federal and local governments and the constituencies they represent. These young officials would be able to return to Ukraine with greater knowledge of the inner workings of democracy. This knowledge is critical to implementing further democratic reforms in Ukraine.

Ukraine is at a crossroads. While it has taken great strides towards democracy since its independence in 1991, reforms have slowed over the last few years. As the sixth most populous nation in Europe, the Ukrainian people are people eager for reform. The U.S. can help ensure that democratic reforms are successful by supporting Ukraine's young leaders.

This bill takes a significant step towards the realization of the ULP. We all recognize the large task of establishing such a program. With this study in hand, Congress will have road map with which to move forward on this issue.

The ULP has the support the Ukrainian American community and the young leaders in Ukraine. This step that the Committee has taken is appreciated around the world. Again, I'd like to thank Chairman TAYLOR and Ranking Member MORAN for their hard work on this issue. I look forward to the report and working with my colleagues on this issue.

#### BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR MRS. SUE SHAFFER

#### HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 2002*

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer best wishes and birthday greetings for a good friend of mine, Mrs. Sue Shaffer, Chairwoman of the Cow Creek Nation. We've worked together for years on issues of importance to tribal governments across the nation. Whenever I speak with tribal leaders around the nation and with lawmakers here in our nation's Capitol about Indian Country, I talk about success stories like those of the Cow Creek Band.

Sue represents the spirit of achievement that so embodies the history of the Cow Creek people. Fighting against a federal government that was at times hostile and at other times indifferent towards them, the people of Cow Creek worked hard from the first treaty with the United States in 1853 until their restoration in 1982 to make a great community for themselves. They've purchased land for themselves and have developed a great business enterprise through the Seven Feathers Casino and other diverse business interests.

Mr. Speaker, what they've done for their community and for all of the non-tribal members they employ is great, and it's in no small part due to the leadership of Chairwoman Shaffer. I'm proud to recognize her as a leader in Indian Country and as a respected Chairwoman in her tribe, but I'm most proud to call her my friend. Thank you for all you've done, Sue. Have a happy 80th birthday and I wish you many more.

#### HONORING JEANNIE SWEENEY AMBROSE FOR HER COMMITMENT TO VETERANS IN HER COMMUNITY

#### HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 2002*

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Air Force Captain Jeannie Sweeney Ambrose, a Vietnam veteran and fellow Pittsburgh Irish-American. Captain Ambrose has served seven years on active service with the Air Force as a nurse and has dedicated much of her life to caring for and honoring all veterans.

Born in Ireland, Captain Ambrose immigrated to the United States in the early 1960s and joined the Air Force after becoming a United States citizen. Captain Ambrose served a tour in Vietnam at Camrahn Bay in a MASH unit, where in her time off, she volunteered her skills as a midwife for impoverished Vietnamese civilians. Following her Vietnam tour, she continued to serve our country in an Air Force Hospital in London where she met her husband, Eddie Ambrose, who has also served his country as a C-131 pilot in Europe.

In addition to compassionately caring for our soldiers during the Vietnam War, Captain Ambrose continues her work of honoring veterans through her poems. Every Memorial Day, veterans gather to hear her touching rendition of

a poem she wrote, Flanders Field. Captain Ambrose's efforts on behalf of those who have served our country should be recognized, thus I have included one of her poems "Take My Hand" so that my colleagues in Congress and all Americans may share in her compassionate views. I believe that by honoring Captain Ambrose, we are recognizing not only her efforts, but also the efforts and importance of nurses who serve during wartime.

As a son of a World War II veteran, I would like to extend my gratitude to Captain Jeannie Sweeney Ambrose for her kindness and compassion towards our servicemen and women. She is to be commended for her efforts on behalf of Pittsburgh veterans.

#### TAKE MY HAND

(By Jeannie Sweeney Ambrose)

Here—take hold of my hand, Lad,  
I'll try to kill the pain,  
You've had your share of fighting this day,  
We'll get you well and home again.

Here—take hold of my hand, Lad,  
Don't go away from me now,  
I'll stop the blood and fix your wounds  
But you must stay with me and fight the pain.

Here—take hold of my hand, Lad,  
I can't lose more of you now,  
We've all come so far, the lot of us,  
And I've got to get you to your home again.

Ah—Lad, you must not quit on me now,  
I'll not let you go, you hear,  
Come, fight with me just once more,  
Your mom must not be left to cry.

He had looked at me with one brief smile,  
And had asked me my name.  
I said call me Jeannie, or call me your mom,  
Today it will all be the same.

My lad squeezed my hand one more time,  
He smiled and then he died,  
I closed my eyes to remember his face, and said,

I'll see you each year as we call out the names.

Ah Lad, I still see your face,  
And all those we tried to save,  
Your face and smile were all we had,  
To help get us through those days.

I still remember those lads, they were  
Our country's best  
They had fought and died for all of us,  
In a land so far, far away,  
Now they were all gone, now all at rest.

My lads are here and everywhere today,  
We must never forget what they gave,  
They cannot smile or laugh at war anymore,  
But then neither can we who stay.

Ah Lad, if I could just hold your hand once more,

It would help me remember this day,  
I cannot forget their faces anymore,  
Nor the reasons they died in such pain.

I go to the Wall each year to find my lads,  
There are so many of them now,  
The Wall grows warm under my hand  
As I find and touch their names.  
Here Lads, hold my hand,  
We're all together again.

#### WILLIAM BATTERMAN RUGER

#### HON. JOHN E. SUNUNU

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 2002*

Mr. SUNUNU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my condolences to the family of William B. Ruger who passed away on July 6 at